Regarding Individuos Tendiendo a lo Salvaje (ITS), you say that they do not believe that we should create a movement directed toward the elimination of the technoindu- trial system, and that their idea is to do anything to st technological progress, but without hope or intention to eliminate the system.

From this, and also from some parts of their comunicados that U.R. has sent me, it is clear that ITS are politically ignorant. It is absolutely impossible to stop technological progress, or even to slow it to any great extent, without eliminating the whole technological system. Moreover, ~~parts~~ the parts of their comunicados ~~of~~ that I've mentioned show that ITS's concept of revolution is at the kindergarten level. They think a revolution consists of a popular uprising ("levantamiento popular", "un mar de personas... [que actúan] de forma violenta"). Revolutions sometimes happen that way, but in most cases they are political processes managed by a handful of top leaders. Usually, any popular uprisings are mere incidents or episodes in the political process and involve no more than a small percentage of the population. For example, the February "Revolution" in Russia (actually not a revolution but only an insurrection) was carried out solely by the industrial workers of St. Petersburg, who comprised just a minute percentage of the Russian population. Their action served only to provide the Bolsheviks with an opening that the latter exploited to take control of the entire country several months later -- mainly through political skill.

Revolutions can even occur without any popular uprising at all. For example, the Nazis assumed power in Germany through political means alone. Except for the Munich beer-hall putsch a decade earlier (which was an ignominious failure and led Hitler to commit himself thereafter to a legal quest for power), the Nazis never

attempted an uprising. Prior to their assumption of power th Nazis did engage in some violence -- for example, street fights against the Communists -- and *after* they had taken power there was the "night of the long knives" during which Hitler physically eliminated his rivals within the Nazi Party itself, but after the failed putsch the Nazis never again used violence against the established authorities.

It is worth noting that the Nazi revolution was in part a revolution *against civilization*. But it accomplished nothing against civilization because Hitler was interested only in personal power and self-glorification. He and his henchmen hijacked potentially revolutionary forces within German society (including the anti-civilizational current, among others) and exploited them to get power for themselves.

In addition to exhibiting a naive concept of revolution, ITS show their political ignorance in other ways as well. If these people have ever read much history, they haven't understood it. Consequently any actions they may take, whether legal or illegal, are likely to be counterproductive. Revolutionary actions, legal or not, should be intelligently designed to serve political objectives, and any comunicados that accompany them must be written in politically intelligent terms. This requires the guidance of people who have taken the trouble to acquire as much knowledge as possible about the ways in which societies develop and change.

The most important mistake that ITS make is

that they express, and therefore encourage, an attitude of hopelessness about the possibility of eliminating the technological system. I have no time now to discuss the historical examples of tiny, seemingly insignificant groups, regarded by most people as crackpots, fools, or "romantics", that nevertheless have succeeded eventually in carrying out revolutions. But an indispensable ingredient for success in such an enterprise is <u>confidence in the possibility of success</u>. Because ITS try to undermine confidence in the possibility of success against the technological system, these people must be rejected and listed among our political adversaries.

I'll only add that, in the parts of their comunicados that U.R. has sent me, ITS have some of their facts wrong and they attribute to me statements that I've never made and opinions that I've never held.